

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB BULLETIN



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In May 2005, N6MUF (Ben) our SDDXC member and DL2SBY (Kasi) traveled to HB0 for a short DX-Pedition. It was a lot of fun and bagged 4500 QSO'S and 108 countries in the short time they were there. HB0 is not real BIG rare DX but again not something one hears every week. All modes and all bands were active and a return trip is planned for the near future.

Join us at

The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd

March 28, 2007

Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M



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Gavel Gab...

Paul Dorey WN6K



As I sent off my registration the other day for the upcoming Visalia DX Convention, it became very apparent how time flies. It seems just like yesterday when most of us were heading north to 'gather with the eagles' of the DX world for a very fun weekend of bragging, renewing friendships and meeting new DXers. In fact a lot of this year's theme is centered along that very thing – tips, tricks and traps for the New DXer (and those of us who have been at this for a while too.)

Speaking of new DXers, there are lots of inductees to the brethren on the air now with the easing of taking the upper level exams. In the past few contests, (on phone at least) I heard a number of /AG's & /AE's trying out their newfound privileges. Remember to be patient folks, we were all newbies at one time or another, and welcome, assist as well as encourage. From these will come some of our future DXers and testers – more for us to work in the pileups. Finally take a bit of time to tune up-band...and listen for those new hams tentatively calling CQ...I found one the other day during the OK QSO Party and he was sure happy that *some-one* finally answered his many calls. Yes we have all worked more than a zillion Texans, but you just might be *their* first W6.

If in the next few weeks, you get asked by our nominating committee to accept one of our upcoming openings Club offices or chairs on the Board of Directors, please give it a sincere consideration. Your Club will be the better for it.

Well I must go see where the 9M4SDX is hiding ...so we can have something to brag about at the next DX Roundup...or maybe go look for an /AG wishfully calling. Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy Easter to those that can't find an "EI" to work ...

73 and DX is....

WN6K, Paul

San Diego DX Club Policy on content of

DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors. No PERSONAL attacks will be allowed in either the newsletter or on the reflector.

Submissions are due on the 2nd Wednesday of each month!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 28, 2007

Balance as of Jan 31, 2007: \$3,837.59
Income:
Regular Dues: 80.00
TOTAL; 80.00

Expenses: NONE
Balance as of Feb 28, 2007: \$3,917.59
Petty Cash On Hand: 20.00
Total Checking/Petty Cash: \$3,937.59

MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2007

The San Diego DX Club held its regular meeting on February 28, 2007 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive and Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the President, WN6K. There were thirty members and guests present.

President Paul, WN6K asked for a minute of silence in memory of Philip "Phil" J. Goetz, N6ZZ, who recently became a Silent Key. Phil was a well known DXer and contester.

John, K6AM, presented the Top Ten for 80 and 20 meters. K6NA took the 80 meter honors with 292 countries confirmed and Uncle Ed, W6KUT led the 20 meter pack with 385 confirmed.

John again asked that members bring their totals up to date by either the Club web page or by Email direct to k6am@arrl.net.

The membership voted to accept the membership application of Ed Felter, AI6O. Ed is very active in digital communications.

W6YI and others who have been active in monitoring SDG&E's forays in to BPL reported that the latest hardware has been able to notch out the Amateur Radio frequencies. It is yet to be determined whether SDG&E will go beyond testing and adopt and deploy any of the systems being tested. Stay tuned!

The DX Roundtable was interesting and informative as usual with discussions of contesting, DXing, new equipment and antennas being employed in search of an all time new one. It is apparent that the various versions of the StepIR antennas have caught the eye of some of our members.



It was announced that SDDXC will participate in the ARRL Field Day in the 1A category from Point Loma. Those wishing to participate should contact K6AM or K6ZH.

PROGRAM:

Recently our VP Bob, N6OX paid a visit to the QTH of John Devoldere, ON4UN author of "Low Band DXing". Bob took many photographs and we were treated to a virtual tour of John's station, antenna farm, and Beverage farm with Beverages running for 1000 feet in all directions. It pays to have farmland surrounding your QTH. Equally impressive were the trophies, plaques, and certificates which covered the walls awarded to John for many, many operating achievements in DXing and contesting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Harry Hodges W6YOO
Secretary/Treasurer

DUES, DUES AND MORE DUES

As of March 12, 2007 we still have 21 members who have not renewed for 2007. If your call sign appears below, please send your check for \$10.00 (or for multiple years) to Treasurer, SDDXC, 2435 Our Country Road, Escondido, CA 92029.

N6AW, K6BK, K6DLV, AC6FM, K6JL, K6MY, WB6NBU, W6NOW, KG6PDW, W7PN, AK6R, K9RHY, W6SHY, W6US, AC6V, NF6V, KF6VMC, W6WU, K6XT, W6YA, NG6Z. March 31st, 2007 is the deadline to avoid being relegated to inactive status.

Live today like it is your last....

.....it could be.

THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 80 METERS

3/07	3/06	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	K6NA	40	?	?	292	-
2.	2.	N6ND	40	197	200	285	+5
3.	3.	W6YA	40	?	?	279	-
4.	4.	W6KUT	40	247	254	271	-
5.	5.	W6EUF	40	216	226	246	-
6.	8.	K6AM		230	231	233	+6
6.	6.	N6CW	39	?	189	232	-
8.	7.	K6TQ	39	230	230	230	-
9.	10.	W6YI	39	168	170	224	+9
10.	9.	N6AW	40	215	217	221	-

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 20 METERS

3/07	3/06	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6KUT	40	334	382	385	-
2.	2.	W6BS		330	380	380	-
3.	3.	W6YA	40	333	368	371	-
4.	4.	W6EUF		335	358	369	-
5.	5	N6CW	40	?	351	361	-
6.	6.	N6AW	40	331	350	351	-
7.	7.	N6ND	40	284	295	347	+2
8.	8.	K6AM		336	342	342	+2
9.	9.	W6YOO	40	331	336	338	+2
10.	10.	W6YI	40	297	311	335	+2

No real upsets this year, but the gap on 20 continues to narrow as the guys that didn't have VU4 and VU7 catch up with the old timers who got them the last time around. Other than that, 20 is pretty well worked out and the standings should remain cast in stone until we can convince the ARRL to reinstate all the deleted countries.

80 still has some room to grow. Propagation is usually best on 80 at the bottom of the cycle, and we are there.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 15 meters, and the WARC bands. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the **meeting**.

NOTED CONTESTER PHIL GOETZ, N6ZZ, SK (from the ARRL Letter 3-2-07)



World-class Amateur Radio contesteer Phil Goetz, N6ZZ, of Alto, New Mexico, died unexpectedly February 27. He was 64. Goetz reportedly suffered a cerebral hemorrhage while playing racquetball. Past ARRL Southwestern Division Director Art Goddard, W6XD, called Goetz, who competed on phone and CW, HF and VHF/UHF, "a consummate contesteer."

"The contest community has lost one of its most outstanding practitioners and Amateur Radio has lost a fine gentleman," he said this week.

Goddard said, "Phil always kept his composure on the air, even when dealing with unruly pileups after 40+ hours of nonstop contest operation. He was most thoughtful of other members of his contest team and was ready to apply his quick wit and sense of humor to any situation."

ARRL Southwestern Division Director Dick Norton, N6AA -- himself an active contesteer and DXer -- said he and Goetz were best friends and had operated contests together since 1965. Norton said he'd miss Goetz's assistance with CQ World Wide DX Contest log checking and as a good friend.

An ARRL member, Goetz had the distinction of being one of only two radio amateurs to operate the CQ World Wide DX Contest from all 40 CQ zones. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, said Goetz operated Zone 5 -- saving the easiest zone for last -- from his station in 2004.

"He did a great job, placing in the US top 10 from an unfamiliar station, and he taught me a thing or two about SO2R [single operator/two radio] and staying in the chair," Sumner recounted.

Goetz was a key member of the judging committee at the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC 2006) in Brazil last July. He was a member of the Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club and the A-1 Operator Club.

Arrangements are incomplete.



(From the ARRL Letter)
March 9, 2006

HAM RADIO ANTENNA BILLS IN PLAY IN THREE STATES

Lawmakers in three states -- Arizona, Maryland and Oklahoma -- are considering Amateur Radio antenna bills that would put the essence of the limited federal pre-emption known as PRB-1 http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/PRB-1_Pkg/prb-1.pdf into each state's statutes. The Arizona and Maryland bills go a step beyond most PRB-1 legislation. They not only would require that municipal land-use or zoning regulations "reasonably accommodate" Amateur Radio communication per PRB-1, spelled out in the FCC's Amateur Radio rules in §97.15(b), they would extend the same protections to certain private communities where deed covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) apply.

The Arizona amateur antenna bill, House Bill 2595 <http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/48leg/1r/bills/hb2595p.pdf> calls for "reasonable heights and dimensions for accommodation of Amateur Radio station emergency service communications antennae and structures." After stripping a provision to exempt Amateur Radio licensees from the \$25 vanity license plate fee from the bill, the Arizona House Appropriations Committee voted out the measure with a "do pass" recommendation. The bill already has a Senate sponsor.

In Maryland, essentially identical bills are under consideration in both legislative chambers: House Bill 941 <http://mlis.state.md.us/2007RS/bills/hb/hb0941f.pdf> and Senate Bill 68 <http://mlis.state.md.us/2007RS/bills/sb/sb0068f.pdf>. These measures would require local zoning authorities to comply with the PRB-1 limited federal pre-emption calling on municipalities to "reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio communication." The bills' provisions also would apply to homeowners' association (HOAs) that have not already enacted antenna restrictions by the time the bill becomes law.

Affected HOAs would not be permitted to "restrict or prohibit the design, placement, screening, height or use of Amateur Radio equipment on the property of lot owners." The measure would exempt HOAs having antenna restrictions in place when the bill goes into effect, however.

Among other things, the Maryland bills' preambles cite the value of Amateur Radio to the public welfare, pointing out its "invaluable emergency radio communication services in the state and across the United States before, during and after floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, forest fires, earth-

quakes, blizzards, train accidents, chemical spills and other disasters."

In Oklahoma, House Bill 1037

http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/2007-08bills/HB/HB1037_HFLR.RTF has been voted out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation and onto House floor for a vote. The measure provides that municipal ordinances shall comply with §97.15(b) by permitting Amateur Radio antennas or antenna support structures "at a height and dimension sufficient to accommodate Amateur Radio service communications." The measure already has a sponsor in the Oklahoma Senate.

To date, 23 states have adopted PRB-1 legislation <http://www.arrl.org/field/regulations/statutes.htm>. PRB-1 does not specify a minimum height below which local governments may not regulate but does require reasonable accommodation, but four states -- Alaska, Wyoming, Virginia and Oregon -- enacted legislation that specifies heights below which municipalities may not regulate.

The SouthWest Ohio DX Association announces 22nd annual DX Dinner: The SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) has announced that tickets now are available for the 22nd annual DX Dinner held in conjunction Dayton Hamvention 2007. The dinner will be Friday, May 18, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Dayton. Tickets are \$36 per person, payable in US funds to SWODXA, (no PayPal or credit card payments), c/o Jay Slough, K4ZLE, 8183 Woodward Dr, West Chester, OH 45069. Seating is limited. Details are available from the SWODXA Web site <http://www.swodxa.com/>.

Topbanders' DX Dinner set at Visalia: The Topbanders' DX Dinner held in conjunction with the 58th annual International DX Convention in Visalia, California, will take place Friday, April 27, at 6:30 PM in the banquet room of the Sizzler Steak House, 2121 W Caldwell Ave, Visalia. Attendees will order from the menu and pay individually, so there is no fee. Those planning to attend should contact Earl Cunningham, K6SE k6se@juno.com, to ensure adequate seating.

The International DX Convention, sponsored by the Northern California DX Club, will be held April 27-29 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center Visalia. There's more information on the convention Web site <http://www.dxconvention.org/>.



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